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PATENT

Docket No.: 50395-068

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Toshiki TARU, et al.

Serial No.: 09/622,827

Filed: August 24, 2000

For: FURNACE AND METHOD FOR OPTICAL FIBER WIRE DRAWING

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: Group Art Unit: 1731
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: Examiner: John M. Hoffmann
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

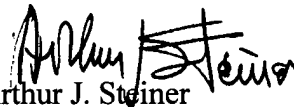
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2003, now due to expire January 30, 2003, be extended for two months and set to expire on March 30, 2003.

Please charge the extension fee of \$410.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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